

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

-- [0001]     The present application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 10/045,855, filed January 11, 2002 and now U.S. Patent 6,703,081 issued March 9, 2004, which was a continuation of PCT/CH00/00364, filed July 4, 2000, which claimed priority on Swiss application 1292/99, filed July 13, 1999, which claim is repeated here.--